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LETTER DATED 24 MAY 1999 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BURKINA FASO TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a copy of the communiqué issued by the Office of the Acting Chairman of the Organization of African Unity concerning the ceasefire agreement signed on 18 May 1999 between the Government of Sierra Leone and the Revolutionary United Front of Sierra Leone (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Michel KAFANDO
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Communiqué issued on 24 May 1999 by the Office of the Acting Chairman of the Organization of African Unity (OAU)

The Office of the Acting Chairman of the Organization of African Unity has followed with interest the intense efforts of the Acting Chairman of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) to establish a dialogue between the parties involved in the crisis in Sierra Leone with a view to finding a negotiated solution.

This mediation effort led to the signing on 18 May 1999 of a ceasefire agreement between the Government of Sierra Leone and the Revolutionary United Front of Sierra Leone.

The Acting Chairman of OAU welcomes this outcome and expresses his support for the signing of this agreement, which constitutes an important milestone in the peace process in Sierra Leone.

At the very moment that the negotiations under the auspices of ECOWAS are about to begin, the Acting Chairman of OAU invites all the parties to make every effort to bring their endeavours to a satisfactory conclusion.